

Appln. No.: 10/631,071
Amdt. dated Apr. 24, 2006
Reply to Office action of Jan. 26, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 30-47 of the present application stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,740,366, of which the present application is a continuation.

For at least the reasons stated below, the Applicants respectfully traverse the above rejection and submits that claims 30-47 are allowable.

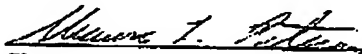
The Applicants do not agree with the rejection of pending claims 30-47 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, but nevertheless are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), disclaiming the terminal part of this application that extends beyond the expiration date of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 5,740,366, to obviate the double patenting rejection. The Applicants respectfully submit that the obvious type-double patenting rejection is overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. The Applicants respectfully request that the present case pass to allowance. If anything remains to be done to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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